

RESOLUTION

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON:

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORTING EFFORTS MADE TO DETERMINE THE POTENTIAL OF HANFORD TO ANCHOR THE GLOBAL NUCLEAR ENERGY PARTNERSHIP WHICH MAY LEAD TO AN IMPROVED ECONOMY AND JOB CREATION

WHEREAS, as part of the President's *Advanced Energy Initiative*, whose purpose is to develop innovative advanced reactors and new methods to recycle spent nuclear fuel, *Global Nuclear Energy Partnership* (GNEP) announced February 6, 2006, it will develop and demonstrate Advanced Burner Reactors; and,

WHEREAS, use of existing facilities at the Hanford 400 area complex and the Hanford site will have a cost savings to our nation on the order of \$10 billion when compared to other sites within our nation; and,

WHEREAS, the Advanced Burner Reactor will build an improved nuclear fuel cycle that enhances energy security and enhances nonproliferation; and

WHEREAS, recycling spent nuclear fuel will enable a nuclear repository such as the Yucca Mountain to handle U.S. waste for a full century; and

WHEREAS, the Tri Cities, Washington area has unique facilities, qualified scientists, engineers and labor that are needed to fully participate in Generation IV and GNEP advancements; and

WHEREAS, Hanford for GNEP mission expands the job creation horizon for thousands of highly skilled workers and advances education in the sciences and in the trades;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Benton County Commissioners that the Board supports efforts made to determine the potential of Hanford to anchor the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership that may lead to an improved economy and job creation.

Dated this 28 day of August, 20 06




Chairman of the Board



Chairman Pro-Tem



Member

Attest: 
Clerk of the Board

Constituting the Board of County
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Washington

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August 28, 2006

Gov. Christine Gregoire
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Dear Gov. Gregoire:

As part of the President's Advanced Energy Initiative (whose purpose is to develop innovative advanced reactors and new methods to recycle spent nuclear fuel), Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP) announced in early 2006 it will develop advanced burner reactors. These reactors will build an improved nuclear fuel cycle that enhances energy security and nonproliferation.

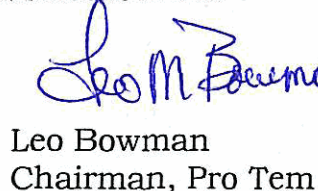
The Tri-Cities, Washington area, much of which is located in Benton County, has unique facilities, qualified scientists, engineers and laborers that are needed to fully participate in the GNEP project; specifically, the 400 area and the Hanford site located near the Tri-Cities at Hanford. The 400 area appears ideally suited for this new mission. Use of existing facilities will have a cost savings to our nation in the neighborhood of \$10 billion when compared to other sites within our nation.

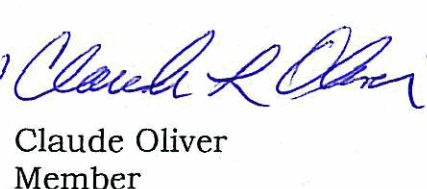
Therefore, the Board of Benton County Commissioners supports efforts to determine the potential Hanford site to anchor the GNEP.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


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